

Sample -- General Appeal Letter

To

This is a plea to support the immediate release of Tibet's 11th Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima.

The 11th Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, was recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the 10th Panchen Lama, on 14 May 1995. He was six years old at the time. Within three days he was abducted by the Chinese authorities, thus making him the world's youngest political prisoner. Since then, for 20 years Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family's whereabouts remain unknown. The Chinese government replaced the Panchen Lama confirmed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama with another young boy as their 11th Panchen Lama.

In recent times, an atheist Chinese government has aggressively been attempting to legitimize its control over the centuries-old Tibetan Buddhist traditions and reincarnation practice. In this context, and given his crucial cultural and religious role, it is critical that the 11th Panchen Lama receives a spiritual upbringing that is free from political interference.

Therefore, we call upon you to urge China to:

- Reveal the fate and whereabouts of the 11th Panchen Lama.
- Receive United Nations' representatives to visit Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and confirm his well-being.
- Release Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and all Tibetan political prisoners.

Yours sincerely,